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OTTAWA CONFERENCE WILL PLAN PRODUCTION

GATHERING WILL DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR

Government Officials and Representatives of Farm Organizations Will Confer

DECEMBER 1st TO 3rd

Draft of Crop Objectives Prepared
—1947 Shipments Bacon and Beef for Britain Short

By M. McDougall
Press Gallery, Ottawa

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Nov. 19th.—There is undoubtedly a great deal of interest in the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference meeting at Ottawa from December 1st to the 3rd. That interest may well be compared with that of war years, for while active hostilities have been over for two and a half years, the privations of those who suffered most in war continue on a scale that in some cases is progressively more exacting.

Representative Gathering

At the Conference will be agricultural Ministers and Deputy Ministers from the Provinces, leading agricultural officials from the Department in Ottawa and representatives of farm organizations, of which the chief is the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (H. H. Hannam, President and General Manager). The largest representation will be that of the Western Wheat Pools.

The Conference, which will be opened by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, will discuss the whole agricultural production program for 1948, and production planned in the light of available markets and food needs. In view of the fact that field crop production in both Western and Eastern Canada in 1947 was substantially below 1946, hopes will naturally not be bound by the actual output of 1947. A considerable increase will be hoped for and as far as possible planned for, particularly in coarse grains. It is known that there is no reserve of feed grains, and it is pointed out by departmental officials here that for years Mr. Gardiner has been urging farmers to plan production so that if possible there would be enough to set up a year's supply.

Heavy Liquidation Begun

In whatever quarter blame may lie, the situation now is that because of shortage of feed grains and the price of these grains, it is going to be difficult to maintain anything like present ratio of farm animals. There has begun a heavy liquidation of animals, particularly hogs, and this is recognized as unfortunate, but the claim that farmers are faced with losses in raising hogs at the present prices of grain is appreciated.

An unfortunate effect of the situation is that it will be increasingly difficult to keep up our levels of food shipments to Britain. It is going to be

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Royal Bride and Bridegroom



PRINCESS ELIZABETH and the DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Production is expected to start early in the new year at the plant at Elk Point, some 20 miles south-east of St. Paul, of the new Alberta Salt Co., Ltd., it is announced by M. M. Porter, K.C., President of the Company. The plant will provide the West, for the first time, with a wholly Western-owned salt supply. General layout of the plant (now nearing completion), with

salt evaporation unit on the left and power unit in centre foreground, is shown above. The salt resources comprise three beds of solid salt more than 1000 feet in total thickness, and lie 2,500 to 4,000 feet below the surface. Water will be pumped down the salt wells, and the resulting brine brought to the surface, salt being recovered by evaporation.

SHOULD ATTRACT HIGHEST QUALITY STATES TRUEMAN

Prairies Should Encourage Research Workers, Speaker at U.G.G. Dinner Declares

WOULD REPAY WEST

R. S. Law Re-elected President and J. E. Brownlee First Vice-President of U.G.G.

WINNIPEG, Man. — Strongly stressing the desirability of attracting top calibre brains to Western Canada, as well as of providing the best possible facilities for Westerners to develop their powers to the full in various fields of science, President A. W. Trueman of the University of Manitoba, addressed 530 delegates and officers and guests of United Grain Growers, Ltd., at the annual dinner held here on Wednesday of last week. R. S. Law, President of the Company, was the genial master of ceremonies.

"If we wish to secure and retain excellent staffs in our universities," stated President Trueman, "we must create conditions of work to satisfy the able scholars in order that they can render their services capably."

Need Better Research Libraries

The need for richer and greater libraries for research in Western universities was dwelt upon, and the speaker felt that because so many of the great centres of study and research are remote from the Prairie Provinces, the academic staff should be encouraged to visit these centres occasionally. The West would be well repaid for any efforts made in these directions.

A means of supporting larger staffs in Western universities should be

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New Salt Plant at Elk Point Nearly Ready

UNITED GRAIN GROWERS CONCLUDE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

President R. S. Law Reviews Operations of 41st Year of Western Canada's Pioneer Farmer-Owned Co-operative

Settlement of Dispute re Taxation of Co-operatives Brings Payment \$2,475,000 in Patronage Dividends

WINNIPEG, Man.—A high degree of satisfaction was expressed by 300 delegates, assembled in Annual Meeting as representing the 40,000 shareholders of the Company, when they received reports covering the 41st fiscal year of United Grain Growers, Ltd.

One of the highlights of the year's history, as recounted by the President, R. S. Law, in presenting the annual report on behalf of the Directors, had been the payment in cash of \$2,475,000 patronage dividends, as the result of settlement of the long standing dispute over the taxation of co-operatives, and the tax status of patronage dividends. An additional \$242,000 was appropriated for patronage dividends as the result of the past year's operations.

Year's Net Profit \$179,641.13

Net profit for the past year, after provision for patronage dividend, for taxes, for depreciation and other charges, had been \$179,641.13. Out of this was provided dividend on capital stock, at five per cent, to the amount of \$154,618.25. The Earned Surplus account was carried forward in the amount of \$632,000. Total capital assets of the Company represent an investment of \$12,445,071.93, against which depreciation reserves stand at \$7,533,936.05.

The elevator system of United Grain Growers, Ltd., comprises 515 country elevators in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, along with terminal elevators operated at Vancouver and Port Arthur, Ont. Actually the Company does business at a total of over 1300 points in Western Canada in providing prairie farmers with services of various types.

It was with evident satisfaction

that Mr. Law reviewed the efforts of his Company to gain recognition of its claim for tax exemption on patronage dividends paid by co-operatives.

"After paying the patronage dividend for the fiscal year ended 1941, your Company was informed by the Income Tax Department that amounts set aside for such purpose would not be regarded by the Income Tax Department as deductible for the purpose of calculating income tax. Your Company," continued Mr. Law, "contested that ruling and contended that the Company's taxable income should be calculated without inclusion of amounts set aside for patronage dividends. Until this controversy should be settled, it was impracticable to pay out patronage dividends from year to year, because, if they were taxable, the greater part of the money appropriated would have been absorbed in taxation.

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of such receipts from the fairly substantial crop of 1946, considerably greater than those of the previous year, was highly satisfactory.

"Demand continued strong throughout the year for all grain which could be supplied by Western Canada, resulting in a very rapid flow of grain through elevator facilities. Such checks to that flow as arose from time to time during the year were due only to the inability of rail and lake transport facilities to move grain as

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT



R. S. LAW

VICE-PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED



J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

When the annual report was presented a year ago, the Directors were able to state that the Income Tax Act had been amended, so that for the future patronage dividends would be regarded as deductible expense. That corresponded with the Company's contention and with the recommendation it had made to the Royal Commission on Co-operatives. The new law made it possible for the Company to pay out in full the amount of \$175,000 which had been appropriated for patronage dividend for the year 1945-46.

"There still remained to be settled the status of the amounts which had been set aside for patronage dividend reserve for four preceding years, as follows:

For 1941-42.....	\$ 375,000
For 1942-43.....	400,000
For 1943-44.....	1,225,000
For 1944-45.....	300,000

"Shortly after the last annual meeting the Government announced its willingness to allow all of these amounts as deductible expenses for calculating the Company's income tax. Thereupon the Directors authorized payment of cash patronage dividends for five consecutive years, including 1945-46, to a total amount of \$2,475,000. Nearly 200,000 cheques were promptly issued to cover that amount, a development which naturally gave great satisfaction to the members and customers of the Company. It is gratifying that such a large cash payment could be made in a single year without any impairment of the financial strength of the Company, a fact which is well established by the financial statement which has been placed before you."

Operations of the Past Year

In spite of increasing operating costs the operations of the Company for the past year were financially successful. "During a period of years ending in 1945," the Board's report stated, "earnings of the Company had been substantially increased from storage charges on wheat, which had to be carried over from year to year. At the end of the war there was a rapid liquidation of these carried-over stocks which, instead of being a burden, as sometimes they had been thought to be, proved to be urgently necessary in feeding the people of a hungry world. Resulting from such liquidation, the grain earnings of your Company during the past fiscal year arose almost entirely from grain delivered during the year. The volume

rapidly as consuming markets desired to receive it. At no time during the year were available quantities of grain sufficient to satisfy the immediate demand and much greater quantities could have been disposed of had they been produced. Deliveries of oats and barley by Western farmers were large, reflecting a considerable decline in Western livestock operations.

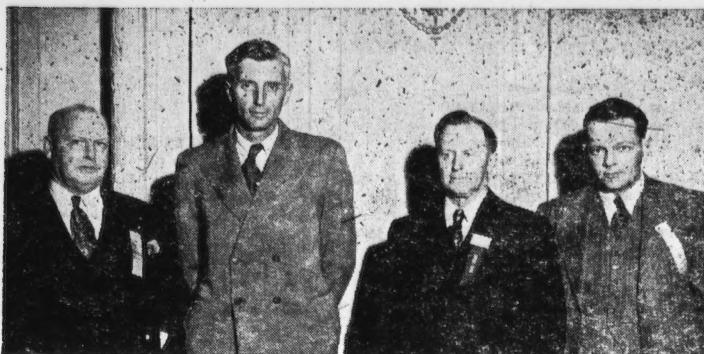
"Demand for feed grains in British Columbia and in Eastern Canada was heavy, stimulated both by the free freight policy of the Dominion Government and by subsidies to farmers who bought such grain for feeding. Limited quantities were exported overseas but, to conserve supplies for feeding in Canada, exports to the United States were almost entirely prohibited during the year, resulting in smaller returns to Western farmers than would otherwise have been available."

Increase Tariff Rates

Dealing with increased tariff rates for storing grain in country and terminal elevators, the Board Report stated that large earnings resulting from storing the wheat carry-over during the war years, made it possible for grain companies to operate on a low schedule of charges. When the wheat carry-over was shipped out, and such extra earnings came to an end, former operating charges were seen to be inadequate. "It has always been the aim of this organization," stated the report, "to keep elevator charges as low as possible. When increases are inevitable, it has been the view of your Board that they should be so made as to bring to a reasonable basis such charges as are mainly borne by the buyers of grain, as is largely the case with storage charges, in order to maintain the ability of elevator companies to keep as low as possible those charges which are most likely to be borne by producers."

"During the war years, the maximum tariff for storing grain had been reduced from 1/30 to 1/45 cent per bushel per day. With reduced potential earnings from this source, and

TWO NEW DIRECTORS--- TWO ARE RE-ELECTED



Returned as Directors of United Grain Growers, Ltd., for three-year terms at the Annual Meeting of the Company in Winnipeg were the members of the group shown above. They are (left to right) J. D. MacFarlane, Aylsham, Sask., a new Director; J. I. Stevens, Morinville, Alta., re-elected; J. Harvey Lane, Fillmore, Sask., re-elected; S. Loptson, Bredenbury, Sask., new Director.

faced with steadily increasing operation costs, at the request of all elevator companies, including this Company and other farmer-owned companies, the Board of Grain Commissioners increased the maximum tariff rates and all companies put the increases into effect. The storage rate was restored to the normal basis of 1/30 cent per bushel per day in respect to terminal elevators as at July 31st

1946, and some benefits therefrom accrued during the past fiscal year, although grain flowed so rapidly through elevators that total storage earnings were comparatively small. A corresponding advance in the storage rate in country elevators has been made effective for the current crop year."

Government Wheat Policy Experimental

Developments of the past year with respect to the government wheat policy were discussed in detail in the Board's report, the British wheat agreement and the existing price guarantee being subject to reappraisal as a result.

"A year ago," the report went on, "your Board pointed out that the wheat policy established, with two different levels of export price, could not be regarded as permanent, but should be considered as temporary and experimental. Upon the results of that policy, during a four-year period, opinions would be formed and decisions reached as to future policy. It is still the case that no one can yet say what net advantage or disadvantage to Western wheat producers will ultimately result.

"Your Board made it clear that neither this institution nor the Canadian Federation of Agriculture had been consulted in advance with respect to the British wheat agreement, and that this Company accepted no responsibility either for that wheat agreement or for the price guarantee. It is true that since the agreement was made certain organizations and individuals associated with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture have endorsed it. This Company has not done so, nor has the Federation, as a body. In view of conflicting opinions which now prevail among Western farmers, no present statement either endorsing or condemning the British agreement could be considered as an authoritative presentation on behalf of farmers. Your own Board would consider it undesirable, in view of that conflict of opinion, to attempt to formulate at this time any such statement. Moreover, it is clear that no satisfactory judgment with respect to the British wheat agreement can be arrived at for the present, or until its actual results are determined in the light of price conditions which may prevail, until July 31st, 1950. Instead, the working out of the present policy calls for continuing study by producers, so that opinions can be arrived at with respect to the future course of policy.

"In such study the relationship of the British agreement to the price guarantee of August, 1946, needs examination, while previous guaran-

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Government Policy on Oats and Barley Discussed in Report

U.G.G. Board Records Views Based on "Duty to Protect Western Farmers' Interests"

Three different phases of government policy with respect to oats and barley which have been in effect for the past year, were discussed at length by delegates attending the 41st annual meeting of United Grain Growers, Ltd. After reviewing what had occurred, the report of the Board of Directors stated:

"Your Board wishes to record the following opinions which naturally arise from the duty of this Company to protect, as far as possible, the interests of Western farmers who sell oats and barley.

Delay Unfair to Producers

"1. Price decontrol having been adopted by the Government of Canada and ceilings removed from wages and from most goods and commodities, removal of price ceilings from oats and barley became inevitable. It would have been unjust to producers to continue ceilings on oats and barley and to force them alone, of all producers in Canada, to carry a burden either for subsidizing the livestock industry or for keeping down living costs, which burdens, to whatever extent necessary, should be at the general cost of the people of Canada. It is unfortunate that the action of October 21st was not taken earlier, before the new crop began to move. The delay has been unfair to many producers.

Co-operation Makes Great Strides in Switzerland

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Switzerland, with a population of 4,250,000, had 489,159 co-operators registered with its Co-operative Union and Wholesale Society—V.S.K.—in 1946. Wholesale co-operative trade increased by 24 per cent from 1945 to 1946, and the staff of V.S.K., and affiliated societies totalled 12,127. The V.S.K. is very active in the field of propaganda—its two popular papers have now a total weekly circulation of 490,250; besides, two official journals are published, and last year, several books on co-operation were brought out. A record number of persons made use of the V.S.K. library last year, and there were more than 300 film displays.

Barley Export Freedom at Once Desirable

"2. As soon as practicable export of feed grains should be renewed and available markets in the United States should be developed. In so far as malting barley is concerned, freedom of export should at once be allowed before the opportunity is permanently lost of building up a trade in such barley with the United States. To refuse to Canadian producers of malting barley access to that market is a sacrifice not only of their interests but of the general interest of Canada, at a time when increased exports to the United States are urgently needed to improve Canada's exchange position. The alcoholic beverage industries of Canada are getting, from the present situation, an unwarranted advantage at the

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LEARNING THE HARD WAY

When the war ended, most of the press in North America and powerful groups of business and political leaders in chorus, demanded the rapid removal of the controls which, admittedly, had been necessary in war-time.

Their campaign was largely successful—not immediately, for there was some delay. Canada was cautious. Donald Gordon and the Department of Finance did not hurry. Then the United States rather suddenly decided to return to peace-time "normalcy"—to use a word with historic connotations. Nearly all controls were lifted. Canada followed—perhaps was forced to follow—the United States lead. Then the things which the more far-sighted business leaders had expected began to happen.

Now we are learning in the hard school of experience. Price ceilings and rationing are called for by the President of the United States. Canada has a "dollar crisis" (was that not foreseen?). She finds it necessary to ban certain kinds of imports and severely restrict others. The demand for price ceilings in Canada, it would seem, is likely to follow.

Those who have been assuring us since VJ-Day that we should find the key to a balanced prosperity in the quick abolition of war-time "regimentation" must at least admit that they have been over-hasty.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR

The record of the past year's operations contained in the Directors' Report presented by President R. S. Law at the Annual Meeting of United Grain Growers in Winnipeg last week must have been gratifying to all who are associated with this pioneer farmers' company—as officers and members of the staff or as shareholders and patrons. The operations in the forty-first year of the Company's history again were financially very successful, in spite of the increased operating costs of the Company.

As the result of the decisions which have been made concerning taxation of co-operatives and the tax status of co-operatives, the Company has been able to pay large patronage dividends in cash covering the period of years during which amounts due to cover these dividends had been set aside pending clarification of the legal questions involved. Under the new Dominion legislation it was possible to pay out these amounts in full, and provision has been made also for the payment of patronage dividends on the operations of the past year.

"A POLITICAL APPOINTMENT?"

Under the above heading, *The Manitoba Operator* discusses a recent appointment by the Dominion Government which indicates a disquieting change in policy. We share the anxiety expressed by our contemporary, in an editorial which we quote in full below:

"The Canada Grain Act has long been regarded as the Magna Carta of the prairie grain producers. Western farmers have always taken keen interest in the character, the knowledge, and the experience of the administrators of the Act. The members of the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners have enjoyed the confidence and esteem of prairie farmers. As vacancies occurred through illness, death, or resignation, the appointments made by the Minister in charge have met with the approval of the producers whose interests in the handling and grading of grain it was the duty of the Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners to protect."

NOVEMBER

*The year grows lean and cold, and very tired
Of all the wordy clamor it has borne.*

*The hopes and dreams to which it once aspired
Have long since from its wounded breast been torn.
December's hand, from embers growing grey,
Will briefly stir a leaping, living flame,
And speed the dying year upon its way
With gaudy rags in which to cloak its shame.*

*Like children who the dawn of Christmas wait,
We yearn towards a year that will be new.
But where shall be its newness, save its date,
If blindly last year's courses we pursue,
So that by next November but a wraith
Remains to us of January's faith?*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

"The recent appointment of Mr. Murdoch MacKinnon as Assistant Commissioner for the Province of Alberta on what appear to be purely political grounds marks a departure from the previous policy of the Government that is exceedingly disturbing.

"So far as we can learn, the new Assistant Commissioner has had no practical experience in the production or handling of grain. He may have excellent qualities as a citizen, but the high standing of the Board and its Commissioners in the two other Provinces will suffer in prestige, although not as much as the Minister, from this political appointment.

"While the appointment concerns Alberta particularly, the grain farmers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are equally interested in keeping the Board of Grain Commissioners free from political interference.

"We regret that the Minister was so ill-advised as to ignore the special requirements that should be the first consideration in selecting a man for this post. We cannot condone his action in departing from the previous policy of the Federal Government and ignoring the primary interests of the producer.

"This change in policy might also disturb the harmonious relations, based on confidence in the Board, that have so long existed between the Board of Grain Commissioners and the grain handling companies of Western Canada."

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DOING GOOD WORK

High tribute to the Alberta Educational Council, whose organization he considered "a most important step in educational progress," was paid by Dr. D. J. Murray Lee, Dean of the School of Education of Washington State College, in an address which he delivered before more than 200 school trustees and officials in Calgary last week.

The occasion was the annual convention of the Alberta School Trustees' Association. Dr. Lee found some things to criticise in the educational field in Alberta, but the work of the Council was not one of them. On the contrary, he made it clear, inferentially at least, that this most representative organization, which sets as its immediate financial objective the assumption by the Provincial Government of 50 per cent of the costs of elementary and high school education, may be expected to play a major part in the effort to surmount the "crisis in education" which he finds in this Province today.

Evidence that the financial needs of education are still far from being met was presented by Henry E. Spencer of Edgerton in his presidential address to the Convention. Although governmental school grants were increased by \$1,500,000 during the past year, he said, he could not find record of "one single larger school division reducing the amount it had to ask the municipalities for education," and he added, "In fact, most municipalities had to increase their school taxes because higher salaries, and increased costs of building and equipment, had absorbed the increase in grants." He attributed most of the credit for the obtaining of the increased grants last year to the Alberta Educational Council.

Mr. Spencer pointed out that the dealings of the Executive of the Association with officials of the Department of Education have been co-operative and friendly, and he expressed confidence that they would rejoice to see more money granted for education.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Nov. 6th.—Setting up of "Little Assembly" of UN to sit year round recommended by political committee of UN, 43-6; Russia announces will not take part. Secret of atom bomb "has long ceased to exist," says Molotov in Moscow. Terms offered Newfoundland, for confederation, announced in Ottawa. Food is basic European problem, declares C.P.R. president W. M. Neal, on return to Montreal from European tour.

Nov. 7th.—Mackenzie King reached England for royal wedding; will visit continent. Forces of capitalism are making plans for war, charges Russian minister at revolution anniversary parade. Failure to reach international wheat agreement might mean worldwide depression, states Dr. A. Wheeler, chairman of International Wheat Council.

Nov. 8th.—Big Four deputy foreign ministers meet in London, in attempt to prepare ground for foreign ministers, Nov. 25th.

Nov. 9th.—Russia desires peace "above all," says Vishinsky in New York interview; believes capitalism and communism can live in co-operation and together build strong United Nations. Arcand's Fascist "National Unity Party" revived at Montreal gathering of more than 500. Regency in Siam driven from office by coup.

Nov. 10th.—Marshall asks U.S. Congress for \$597 millions for emergency aid for Europe; says additional \$7,500 millions will be needed for fifteen months starting March, 1948. Russia agrees to compromise plan for Palestine, calling for termination British mandate May 1st, creation separate Jewish and Arab states by July 1st. British coal production at highest point since spring, Attlee announces (steel production was also at record high last week.)

Nov. 11th.—Men from 18 to 51, women from 18 to 41, not now usefully employed, to be "called up" for service in essential industries in Britain. Rus-

Seed Growers' Co-op. Shows Big Expansion ---Wright Re-elected

A new warehouse at Athabasca, a cleaning plant at Westlock, and improvement of facilities at Cherhill, were reported to the recent annual meeting of Alta. Seed Growers' Co-operative by Howard P. Wright, of Calgary and Airdrie, who was later re-elected President and Managing Director. Volume of business in the 1946-47 season was \$2,232,636, a gain of some \$630,000 over the previous year. Average prices to growers, said A. M. Smith, general manager, had greatly exceeded those of any other organization operating in the Province.

nia defaults on half of British payment due under 1941 agreement. Canada joins U.S. in opposing Russian demand for economic action against Franco regime in Spain. Russia exploded atom bomb in test last June, is report of Paris newspaper which is received with scepticism in scientific circles.

Nov. 12th.—Increased luxury taxes announced in budget speech by Chancellor of Exchequer Dalton; taxes to be imposed on betting, (dog races and football pools). UN committee approves Russian resolution on Spain, Canada and U.S. abstaining. Mackenzie King given honorary degree by historic university of HUGH DALTON Louvain.

Nov. 13th.—Dalton resigns, following divulgence of Budget information just prior to speech in House; succeeded by Cripps. Britain will take no responsibility in imposing Palestine settlement, is London report.

Nov. 14th.—Rioters in northern Italy wreck right-wing political headquarters, newspaper buildings. British House passes bill giving Burma independence; Ceylon becomes dominion instead of crown colony.

Nov. 15th.—Communists in Paris demonstrate against price increases; general strike threatened in Rome. National Coal Board agrees to wage increases for British miners.

Nov. 16th.—Reynaud begins negotiations with French political parties; may form new government. Italian police force being increased from 65,000 to 75,000. Mikolajczyk declared guilty of treason, by Polish parliament. Mines sown by Japs during war will menace Pacific coast of Canada for next two years, say experts. Full acceptance of International Trade Organization by forthcoming world trade conference will be urged by Canada, says Wilgress.

Nov. 17th.—Truman asks Congress for authority to re-impose rationing, wage ceilings, as anti-inflation measures. Canadian government announces program of import restrictions, tariff changes, to meet shortage of U.S. dollars.

Nov. 18th.—Re-introduction of price control and rationing in Canada will depend on Parliament, states Abbott.

Nov. 19th.—On eve of leaving U.S. for foreign ministers' conference, Marshall says will strive for accord with Russia. Australia passes bank nationalization bill.

Considering Million Bushel Gift of Wheat

Gift of a million bushels of wheat to the British people is being considered by Alberta farmers, said Jonathan M. Wheatley, President, at the opening session of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, in Edmonton this week.

"Most Hopeful Story Out of Europe Since V-E Day" (Co-operative News Service)

NEW YORK.—Decision of the British Co-operative Wholesale Society to join the International Co-operative Petroleum Association, and make a capital investment of \$400,000, was hailed by Howard Cowden, secretary of the oil co-op, as "the most hopeful story to come out of Europe since VE Day. This decision," he continued, "brings into membership the world's largest co-operative wholesale at an important period in the life of the international oil co-operative, just as it is beginning to function." Membership now includes 24 central co-operative wholesales, in 19 countries.

CORRESPONDENCE

AMALGAMATION

Spruce Grove, Alberta:
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

After a careful perusal of the article on the front page of *The Western Farm Leader*, and the report of the U.F.A. Board, I have decided to drop the idea of contributing the series of articles, re amalgamation, that I proposed to you.

As the Board intends to circularize the Locals on the question of merging with the A.F.A., and as the members of the Board are well aware of my

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views on the subject and have expressed approval of them, I feel that the Board, in drafting the circular to the Locals, will present the facts, pro and con, clearly for the members' consideration.

I feel sure the U.F.A. will not commit suicide by erecting such a top-heavy, nondescript structure that would be neither fish, flesh nor fowl, as that which would result from such a merger, and sacrifice the best farm organization, with the best organizational set-up, the best women's auxiliary, and the most efficient leadership of any farm organization in the Dominion of Canada, and also the oldest, with an unbroken span of 39 years of efficient endeavor.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this correspondence, I remain,

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Producers' Letter

Dear Sir:

In regard to variation on milk tests of the same herd from month to month and year to year, could you give me any causes of it?

Let us assume that the tests are accurate.

For instance, there are herds here that tested from 3.5 to 3.9 last winter and this winter they are gradually going lower in their test—as low as 3.1.

A few changes that may affect it as I can see are:

1. The farmer may not take from the same cows for home use each day.
2. He pours the top off a milk can without realizing the effect on the test.

The major changes I think that would affect the test are the fact that we had a cold, wet growing season last year, and therefore the crops did not absorb enough sunlight to build up nutritive value to the cattle and, of course, like everything else on the market nowadays, the feed balancers and

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concentrates perhaps lack their value too, due to lack of ingredients.

How does the length of time a cow has milked, condition of cow, and rest period and freshening affect the test on milk?

I thank you very much for your attention and perhaps you and my questions can clear up a very touchy subject with some of our shippers.

Our Reply

So many different factors affect the percentage of fat in milk that it would be impossible to single out any one as being responsible for your problem unless every detail were known relative to the breed, herd, season, feed, management, lactation, etc. Nevertheless, I take pleasure in submitting the following brief list of factors which may help you in arriving at the cause:

Breed—The average fat content in milk from the four major breeds is, in round figures:

Holstein	3.40
Ayrshire	4.00
Guernsey	5.00
Jersey	5.20

Naturally, there is a wide variation within any given breed above and below these averages. For example, it would be possible to have individual animals of the Holstein or Jersey breed whose milk would test considerably above or below these averages.

Stage of Lactation—If a cow is in good flesh when she freshens, the fat percentage in her milk may be fairly high for the first month or six weeks, then decline slightly for the next month tending to level off until about the sixth or seventh month, when it usually shows a noticeable increase, being very marked during the last month.

Age—The fat content in milk from cows 10 years old and over generally shows a noticeable drop. However, there are exceptions. The greatest

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decrease naturally occurs in the breeds which secrete the richest milk.

Season—The fat percentage in herd milk is usually lowest in late spring and reaches its high peak in late fall and winter. The test nearly always drops when cows first get out on pasture, and many persons incorrectly believe this to be due to the high water content of pasture grasses.

Feed—Contrary to common opinion, feed has very little effect on the richness of milk. Underfeeding has been

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shown to cause a temporary increase but continued underfeeding will, of course, ruin the cow or cause her to go dry. Feeding feeds high in oils may increase the richness for a few days if it doesn't throw the cow off feed; then the fat returns to normal. Cows have an inherited ability to give milk of a definite richness, and will take the necessary constituents from their bodies.

Interval Between Milkings—If cows are milked at varying intervals, such as 9 and 15 hours, there is a wide variation in both quantity and fat content of the milk, the richest and least milk being given after the shortest period. The difference might be as much as 1.0 per cent in fat.

Time of Milking—There is very little difference in the richness of morning's and evening's milk when the intervals between milkings are the same. Usually evening's milk is just a little richer.

Variations During Milking—The first milk drawn from a cow's udder is very low in fat. That which is drawn last, called the stripings, is very much richer. Hence, if a cow is not completely milked, relatively low test milk may be obtained.

Other Factors—A number of other factors such as drugs, a change of milkers, exciting the cows, too much exercise and sickness.

The two suggestions you make are also possibilities. I once had a similar experience to the No. 2 in your letter. A producer was saving his night's milk for his morning's supply of cream and after skimming it off, mixed what was left with the fresh morning's milk. Naturally there was a drastic reduction in richness.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS R. McFALL, Secretary

Church Attends A.F.U. District Convention—George E. Church, President of the U.F.A., and the writer, attended the Alberta Farmers' Union District No. 12 Convention at Lethbridge on November 7th.

Mr. Church addressed the main Convention in the afternoon. He con-



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The recent death of our good friend Mr. Donkin is mourned by all who knew him.

Mr. Donkin was well known in a large area in Central Alberta, and particularly so in the Husley and Loyalty Districts. He had lived there many years and for a long time had been delegate for his Sub-District in our organization.

We are going to miss his friendly smile and his absence at our Delegate meetings will be also noticeable.

The sincere sympathy of the members of our organization is extended to Mrs. Donkin, who survives him. J. A. WOOD, President.

C. R. SMITH, FEDERAL

We have reported above on the passing of one of our delegates. It is our sorrowful duty to report also the recent death of Mr. C. R. Smith of Federal.

To his innumerable friends in the Dairy Pool he was better known as Charlie.

We could not speak too highly of Charlie's interest in our organization and the respect in which he was held in his community.

Like Mr. Donkin, Charlie was an old timer in his home district—one of the real stalwarts of our organization and especially in its earlier years.

The sincere sympathy of the members of our organization and its Board of Directors is extended to all the members of his family that still survive him.

J. A. WOOD,
President.

Recently three new Ontario cooperatives applied for incorporation in one day.

fined his remarks to the meeting of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers held in the Hague, Netherlands, last May. He mentioned the highlights of their tour through Holland, where they were able to view first hand the Agricultural practices of that country, and then dealt with the work before the Conference and the importance of the organization that was established on a permanent basis. Mr. Church went on to stress the importance of this organization to a country like Canada that must depend upon exports of many of its agricultural products.

The sessions during the day were well attended and a good sized crowd gathered for a delightful banquet in the evening. The writer addressed this gathering, dealing with the Farm Radio Forum program.

Later, the Pro's and Con's for amalgamation were discussed and Mr. Church and Mr. Stimpfle took an active part, as well as many of the local members. The general concensus of opinion was that the farm leaders should make every effort without waste of time in consolidating the Farm organizations in Alberta.

Important Farm Statistics—Early in December farmers throughout Canada will receive survey cards asking for statistical information dealing with livestock and poultry population.

It will only take a minute to complete these forms and return them to the mail. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture would like to stress the importance of this information. It is needed by our farm organizations as well as by Government officials.

We urge you to act promptly. This information is for statistical purposes and cannot be used other than to give the records for a district, a Province or for Canada as a whole.

British Farm Leader Coming—James Turner, President of the British Farmers' Union and of the I.F.A.P.,

will visit Canada in November. Prior to this he will address the Annual Conventions of two large national farm organizations in the United States. On his return trip he will represent the I.F.A.P. at the United Nations Trade and Employment Conference in Cuba.

Wesson to Attend Federation Meeting—Arrangements have been completed for J. H. Wesson, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, to address the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

This meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall on December 11th and 12th. Mr. Wesson will give his talk to a public meeting on the evening of

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December Forum Topics

December topics for the National Farm Radio Forum will be: Dec. 1st, What's New in Health? Dec. 8th, The Teacher in the Community; Dec. 15th, Organizing for Community Action; Dec. 22nd, Review.

December 11th and arrangements are under way to have him also deliver a radio talk at this time, so watch for further announcements.

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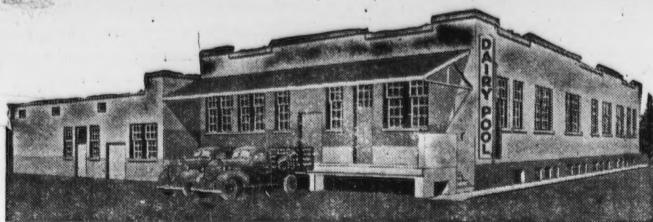
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**SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION****Boards of Trade
and Oleomargarine**

By JAMES R. McFALL,
Secretary, Alberta Federation of
Agriculture

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has circulated a resolution to all Boards of Trade across Canada asking for an expression of opinion regarding the sale of oleomargarine in Canada.

Our Calgary Board of Trade has turned "thumbs down" on this proposal. They evidently realize that while such a move may reduce the cost of living slightly, it will have repercussions on the dairy industry to the benefit of a few industrialists. Other Boards of Trade are refusing to consider the question until arguments pro and con have been fully aired at their local meetings.

Undoubtedly these men will recognize the value of keeping financial returns in the hands of many local people as in the Dairy business, rather than concentrating it with the importers of edible oils.

An Adventure in Pessimism

By F. ALEXANDER SKELHORNE

NOTE: There is nothing narrow in Mr. Skelhorne's outlook. He is a keen student of world affairs, and in more senses than one he "studies large maps". We are indebted to him for past favors, and we are especially grateful for this broad survey of the problems facing mankind in these critical days. We can all benefit by lifting our eyes from time to time from our own immediate surroundings, realizing that our future is intimately bound up with the welfare of others. Mr. Skelhorne is a warm friend of co-operation, and as he has often shown, he envisions its extension from the local to the international field. Thank you, Mr. Skelhorne, for your thought provoking article.

PRESIDENT.

I belong to the older generation, and sometimes I am quite glad because of it. In my lifetime I have seen two great wars, a terrible depression, and now, an uneasy peace. Most of you who will read this have also been through the years of travail, and are wondering what the future holds of security and sanity.

Years of Security and Peacefulness

And we, the old men who dream dreams, can look back to the years of 1900 to 1913. We remember the security and peacefulness of those years, when no man went without a job, and hunger and want were unknown. When there were always houses to live in, plenty to eat and warm clothes for everybody to wear; the light of hope in young men's eyes for the good future before them; and the age of discordant music and the wise-cracking bobby-soxer were mercifully veiled from our consciousness.

In my lifetime I have seen miracles come to pass. When I was a boy a journey of thirty miles in one day was quite an event. When I reached man's estate, three hundred miles in a day became a fact, but now that my sunset is near, three thousand miles are thought nothing at all. In my youth there was only one primary source of power: Steam. Electricity was in its infancy; the Internal Combustion engine, not in existence. Today we have all of these sources of primary power, plus atomic power just around the corner, so to speak.

Calls for Infinite Adjustment

I don't want you to think I am sighing for the good old days, for, if there is one lesson I have learned of life, it is the fact of it being a fluid thing: a driving force which is carrying all the human family forward to some pre-determined goal. It is a matter which calls for infinite adjustment, not in one or two things, but in the whole realm of human associations and relationships.

As a matter of fact, I believe this is what is wrong with us today. Individuals to some extent at least can make these adjustments—but the same is not true of nations: the nation is an inflexible political, social and economic whole, and it cannot adjust itself to conform to the changing pattern of world shaking events quickly enough to get in step with its neighbors, with the result that problems emerge, which cannot be solved by the old-fashioned diplomatic methods of fifty years ago.

The tempo of international events has quickened to the extent that problems crying aloud to high heaven for a quick solution, are dealt with by the outmoded diplomatic equipment that should have been discarded long years ago, with the result that

the problems are multiplying at such an alarming rate, world chaos and collapse are being freely prophesied.

Lesson to Be Learned

The world is being scourged by the relentless march of evolution. If there is a lesson to be learned in the debacle of the past thirty-five years, it is the lesson of world government. When will we learn that the human family is a homogeneous whole? That it does not matter

whether a man's skin is white, black, yellow or brown, or whether he be an Anglo-Saxon, Negro, Indian, Arab, or what have you? That it is of no consequence to old mother nature, whether he be a Jew or a Turk, or any other breed, he still has five fingers and five toes, five senses, the same desires and appetites we all possess, and being born a child of earth, he is entitled to all the privileges of material abundance, which the earth supplies to all her children?

The idea that because I was born on one small spot of this earth's surface, I have the right to claim it as

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UNITED GRAIN GROWERS

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tees also should be brought into the account."

"To encourage larger flax acreage in 1947, the fixed price at which the Government buys flaxseed was increased from the former basis of \$3.75 per bushel to \$5.00 per bushel for the current year. The Government makes some profit on certain quantities of flaxseed exported to the United States and it has been announced that such profits will later be distributed to producers marketing flax during the current year.

"The price situation in connection with flax needs prompt correction. A ceiling has been maintained on the price of flax sold to Canadian processors, while there is no ceiling on

ADVENTURE IN PESSIMISM

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my own, belongs to the shibboleths of the early dawn of humanity when the world was very young; and we haven't as yet outgrown it. We are still entirely infantile in our fixation of nationalism. It is carefully exploited by small minded and parochial politicians. Wars have been fought and millions slain for this silly delusion.

Science is trying to teach us that the world is shrinking; that the native of Patagonia is our next door neighbor, and science, through the airplane, has given us the means to travel quickly and easily to any point on the earth's surface in a matter of hours. If we want to talk to our friends in Australia, we can do it in a matter of seconds.

Political Approach Archaic

But the political approach to these wonders, is a matter for despair. Despite the handwriting on the walls of the universe, that these archaic ideas must come to an end, we are listening to the speeches and counsel of intellectual pygmies. During the speeches of the war-torn years, Churchill and Roosevelt hinted at greater unity among the family of nations. But alas, even those voices have died away in the clamor of the multitude, seeking special favors for themselves and their people alone.

And so, I believe we are facing the testing time of humanity, and I am glad that I am getting old. I am hoping that the youth of today, whose task it will be to solve some of the most terrible problems humanity has ever been faced with, will be able to rise to the task, because on its shoulders rests the evidence as to whether or not this life-wave of the human race, lives, or commits suicide by its own stupid blunders.

their products. The ceiling should come off the price of flaxseed so processors will have to bid prices commensurate with the domestic and export prices of their products and so that the present level of prices in the United States may be reflected to the advantage of the prairie producer of flax."

International Situation Disappointing

"As a farmers' organization," pointed out Mr. Law, reviewing problems concerning the Company's business, "we must concern ourselves with events and with conditions which affect agriculture, including matters of Canadian governmental policy and international political development." Continuing, Mr. Law stated:

"Events in the international field have been disappointing. In spite of a high degree of prosperity on this continent, post-war restoration and rehabilitation over much of the world proceeds slowly. There have been repeated cases of failure to achieve the international collaboration which is essential to the political and economic health of the world. As wheat producers, Western farmers have noted the failure of attempts made to reach an international wheat agreement. That is only one instance and, in comparison, only a minor instance, of difficulties experienced in inter-governmental relations. Taken in all, such failures are extremely disappointing to Western farmers, the future prospects of whose industry depend inevitably upon the political and economic health which prevails generally in the world. Western farmers are, and they must continue to be, world-minded, because their industry is essentially related to economic and political conditions prevailing in the world at large.

"During March, discussions took place in London between representatives of a large number of exporting and importing countries, in an effort, which proved unsuccessful, to bring into being an International wheat agreement.

"Your Company was invited by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, to nominate one of the technical advisers to accompany the Canadian delegation. Mr. R. C. Brown, one of the directors, was named and was thereupon appointed by the Government. It was appropriate that a Director of this Company, which has given support to the idea of an international agreement, should take part in the earnest efforts made by Canada to bring about such an agreement. Mr. Brown's appointment was also appropriate in view of his knowledge of wheat problems arising from his membership on the Advisory Committee of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Fail to Reach Agreement

"As is well known, the efforts at London failed. They were brought to an end when the British Government announced, through its representatives, that it could not accept a price schedule which had been suggested and which, in British opinion, would not have allowed a sufficiently rapid decline from wheat prices then prevailing.

"Even if price ideas at London had been reconciled, there would have remained doubt as to the workability of an International Wheat Agreement under present conditions. It is difficult to see any early hope for successful renewal of negotiations for an international wheat agreement in the light of present political, economic and financial difficulties in the way of world trade and present uncertainties as to how these may be overcome."

The Domestic Outlook

Dealing with matters as affecting Canadian agriculture generally the Board report went on: "One of the most important developments of the year was the commencement and rapid extension of a policy of price decontrol which now has been almost completed. During the war a system of very rigorous price control had been developed in Canada, and although this restrained the prices of agricultural products and limited the income of

producers, it was generally accepted by farmers because it also put limits on their cost of production. When however, price control began to be relaxed, disproportionate burdens with respect to such controls as remained were laid upon agricultural producers, and nowhere was this more marked than, for a time, in the case of oats and barley produced in Western Canada.

"Western farmers submitted longer and more patiently than did others to a continuing limitation of their income. That was largely due to the desire manifested by farmers, from the beginning of the war, to give all reasonable support to policies of the Government. In part, it may have been based on the belief, which for a time widely prevailed, that the Government could indefinitely control price relationships.

Another Serious Problem

"The Government of Canada has recently had to face another very serious problem. The historic pattern of Canada's trade has always involved imports from the United States, larger than Canadian exports to that country. Such excess imports were customarily balanced by the proceeds of Canada's exports to Great Britain and to the continent of Europe. Lately, however, those countries have not been able to pay for Canadian commodities and goods in such a way as to enable Canada to satisfy this country's need for American currency. The problem is of great importance to Western Canada. A failure to solve it would limit Canadian ability to continue agricultural exports to Great Britain and to other countries, and equally would deprive Canada of imports urgently needed for the economic health of this country. One available measure to help the situation would be to increase agricultural exports to the United States, particularly in livestock products, in feed grains, and in malting barley."

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various aspects of the Company's business and in connection with government policies affecting agriculture, were considered by the delegates. At the conclusion of the business sessions, delegates were organized into groups to enable their visiting a number of points of interest in Winnipeg, before returning to their homes.

(Announcement of plans to offer additional U.G.G. shares to farmers on page 13.)



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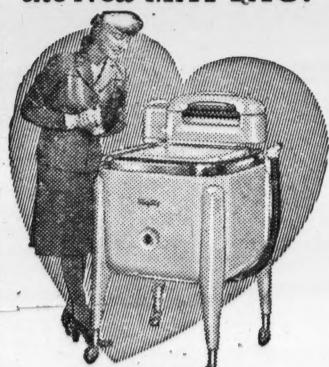
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Dear Farm Women:

The other evening I had the pleasure of listening to an address by Mr. M. J. Coldwell. Now do not be afraid. I am not going to comment on party politics. And, by the way, isn't it strange we seem able to have great differences of opinion about so many, many things in life, but we do not seem to think it wise to be in discussions about differences in our opinions in religion and politics lest there be some unpleasant results. We seem to be afraid that either we or those with whom we discuss the subject cannot "take it".

In Interests of Peace

I heard Mr. Coldwell at a dinner given by the Board of Trade of Wainwright and it was given simply as an acknowledgment that he was one of our outstanding Canadian citizens in their midst for the time. It had nothing to do with Canadian party politics, but was entirely non-political and naturally Mr. Coldwell had the good taste to discuss something else. He spoke more particularly on Canadian responsibility to the United Nations. He spoke in the interests of Peace, something which all desired regardless of political differences.

Naturally it was most interesting to hear a man who has been having the wide contacts he has been having through the United Nations Council and its various committees; contacts with men of every nation and every color. One could not but sense his sincerity of feeling when he commented that there was no master race.

These meetings, the speaker pointed out, gave evidence of the culture of so many different people. The second best chairman was as black as the ace of spades. The Ethiopians and the Chinese for instance were men of widest culture. None of us had any cause for an inward feeling of righteousness if we had developed a feeling of the equality of mankind. Certainly it would seem as though some needed a reorganizing of their sense of racial abilities and characteristics.

Importance of Canada's Part

But Mr. Coldwell went on to emphasize the important part Canada can play as a middle meeting ground between the extreme rights and the extreme lefts. Canada, he said, because of the part it had played in the war, has won a place among the nations of the world out of proportion to its population. It is thus given greater opportunity, greater responsibility.

The speaker went on to tell of his conversation with a brilliant French journalist whom he had met at various places. This man spoke regretfully of the war-talk one heard in this Western continent. In Western Europe there seemed little of it; people's minds were occupied by planning—constructive planning for the rebuilding of devastated lands. There was little of the talk and feeling of suspicion being developed he noted in the States, and to a more limited degree here. And he added that Fascist tendencies grow with a development of this state of mind. It would seem we all have a part to play in encouraging the helpful tendencies and resisting tendencies to hatred and ill-will and panic, when calm and reasoned appraisal of world trends is needed.

Mr. Coldwell added that if he had his wish every community would have a local group of the United Nations Organization, where people met together regardless of race, religion or

politics to study world problems at this time when a sympathetic understanding is so necessary.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Useful Pamphlet

"Annual Flowers for Canadian Gardens", by Isabella Preston and R. W. Oliver, contains 32 pages of very useful information for the gardener, including lists of annuals suitable for various purposes and situations, and in various parts of Canada. Copies of this bulletin—No. 143—can be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Donations of \$5 each were made to the Salvation Army and the Institute for the Blind, at a recent meeting of Griesbach U.F.W.A. (Ft. Saskatchewan).

A paper on legislation was given by Mrs. Novald at a recent meeting of Warner U.F.W.A. and the bulletin was very instructive, reports Mrs. F. E. Cassel. A food parcel is being sent to Britain.

A \$10 CARE parcel is being sent by Fleet U.F.W.A. At the last meeting, the bulletin was enjoyed, writes Mrs. C. Mills; members were of opinion that only desirable immigrants should be allowed to come into Canada.

"Winter Salads" was the subject of a fine demonstration by Miss Hogg, at a recent meeting of Nanton U.F.W.A.; she also gave a short talk on the cooking of different kinds of meat. Plans were made for the annual Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Kierholz gave a talk on water systems as a first step in modernizing homes already built, at a recent meeting of Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Warren); the bulletin was read and a lively discussion followed, writes Mrs.

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Mrs. F. Ralph and Mrs. Elmer Day were elected officers of the newly organized Fastburg U.F.W.A. in the Westlock district.

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Apple Coffee-Cake: Combine 2 tbs. butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 3/4 cup milk. Pour into greased cake pan, about 8 by 8 inches; cover with apple slices, sprinkle with sugar and dot with butter. Bake in moderate oven, pouring 1/2 cup cream over apples when cake is half done.

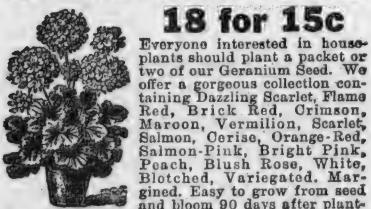
Potato Drop Cookies: Mix 1-1/2 cups hot mashed potatoes with 1-1/4 cups sugar, 1 cup shortening, 1-3/4 cups flour sifted with 2 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. cinnamon, and 1/2 tsp. each salt, cloves and nutmeg; add 1/2 cup chopped raisins and 1/4 cup broken nut meats. Bake in hot oven.

Rissotto: With boiled or steamed rice serve a sauce made of 2 tbs. each flour and butter and 1 cup tomato juice and 1/2 cup grated cheese added just before serving.

Crepes Suzette: Mix 1 cup flour with 1/2 tsp. salt and the grated rind of a lemon; add 1 cup milk and beat until smooth; add 2 well beaten eggs. Bake on hot griddle, which has been lightly greased, making the pancakes about 5 inches in diameter. Roll pancakes when cooked, then reheat in Orange Sauce: Cream 6 tbs. butter, add 1 cup corn syrup, 2 tbs. sugar, rind and juice of 1 medium orange.

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JUNIOR NEWS ITEM

Balzac Junior U.F.A. are going to choose a crest from those submitted at their next meeting; each member is to submit one, on pain of a fine of 25 cents. Practising for the play "Snafu" will begin shortly, reports Betty Starke, secretary.

Buy Christmas Seals

Sale of Christmas Seals by the Alberta Tuberculosis Association has helped reduce tuberculosis from the first cause of death in 1912 to seventh in 1947.

A Remembrance Day service was conducted by Mrs. Frame, at the November meeting of Three Hills U.F.W.A. The report of the bazaar showed the handsome sum of \$150 raised. The December meeting will take the form of a "Whoopie Party" when Christmas gifts will be exchanged.

Due to harvesting operations lingering on, writes Mrs. L. S. Winters, Dalemead U.F.W.A. postponed their annual chicken supper to November 28th. At a recent meeting Mrs. W. C. Winters gave a most interesting paper on immigration, which included a summary of the bulletin.

BRISTOL, Eng. — Bristol Co-operative Society has bought a coach concern which includes 24 coaches. The price was upwards of £50,000.

GOVERNMENT OATS - BARLEY POLICY — (Contd from page 3) expense of barley producers.

May Well Need Temporary Assistance

"3. Until prices in Canada for meat and for dairy and poultry products rise to levels commensurate with costs of feed grain, producers of such products may well require temporary assistance from the Government for preservation of their industry. That could be given by restoration, for a time, of the subsidies which were formerly given to the purchasers of feed grains, and it might also be given

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in the way of price support for various products, particularly those which are exported under contract to Great Britain. Your Board, through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, has already participated in representations to the Government to that effect. It has, however, given no support whatever to statements which have been made by others through the medium of the Federation, to the effect that ceilings should not have been removed or that they should be reimposed.

"It has already been made clear that Parliament lacks jurisdiction to establish compulsory handling of oats and barley through the Canadian Wheat Board to correspond with the system which prevails for wheat. Even if it were legally practicable, the administrative difficulties might well be so great as to endanger the success and standing of the Canadian Wheat Board. Perhaps still more important would be the difficulty of insuring that such a monopoly by Government would be administered in the interests of grain producers instead of in the interests of others. The selling price of feed grains would become a matter of Government policy, which policy would be framed under political pressure to keep prices low and to restrict exports for the benefit either of farmers in other parts of Canada or for the benefit of domestic consumers generally."

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found. This would make for lighter lecture periods, freeing the professors for more research work.

During the business sessions of the Annual Meeting, four Directors were elected to fill vacancies—two of them for their first time. Results of the election are given on page 3.

Officers Elected

At a meeting of the Board of Directors later, R. S. Law of Winnipeg was re-elected President, and J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., was re-elected First Vice-President, and J. Harvey Lane of Fillmore, Sask., was elected Second Vice-President. In addition to these the Executive Committee includes E. E. Bayne of Winnipeg and J. J. McLellan of Purple Springs, Alta.

Major features of the "Directors' Report" are outlined on page 2 and 3 and elsewhere in this issue.

To Survey Co-operative Buying Possibilities in Vicinity of Lethbridge

Meeting at the Marquis Hotel, Lethbridge, on November 15th, more than fifty delegates of co-operatives in the Lethbridge trading area listened to addresses by J. Russell Love and Richard V. Davies, president and manager respectively of Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association, Edmonton. The meeting was under the chairmanship of Roland A. Warren, president of Southern Alberta Co-operative Association.

Practical Outcome

A practical outcome of the conference will be a survey of the co-operative buying possibilities of the local stores with a view to determining whether or not there would be sufficient business available to warrant

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The total supply of Canadian wheat available for export and carryover in the 1947-48 crop year will be about 275 million bushels. After allowing 75 million bushels for a carryover at the end of the crop year, 200 million bushels is the volume available for export. Under the British agreement 160 million bushels will go to the United Kingdom, leaving only 40 million bushels for export to other countries.

Canada's total wheat crop this year is estimated at 340 million bushels, which is a reduction of 11 millions from the second estimate. The outturn is 73 million bushels less than last year's production. With the strong demand from overseas it is unfortunate that this year's crop did not fulfill the early season expectations.

The Hopeful Feature

The hopeful features of the present situation are the large United States wheat crop of over 1.4 billion bushels, and the very good crop now being harvested in Australia, which is expected to produce 220 million bushels.

The United States winter wheat belt, because of a dry autumn, is pessimistic about the prospects for 1948. It is hardly conceivable that the U.S.A. can keep on producing the very large crops which have been turned out during the past three years.

Europe hopes for a better crop in 1948. Acreages have been increased, but there is a serious shortage of chemical fertilizer. Much will depend on the winter weather. Last winter was unusually severe on the winter grains on that continent, and an exceptionally droughty mid-summer further curtailed production. In the pre-war years Europe produced an annual average crop of around 1-1/2 billion bushels of wheat.

After an unusually difficult harvesting season, snowfalls have covered most of Alberta. All of the threshing was not completed, but the percentage yet to be done is possibly not much more than 3 per cent taking the Province as a whole.

the setting up of a branch of the co-operative wholesale at Lethbridge.

The farmer delegates were so seized of the threat to the livestock industry of the Province resulting from the removal of ceilings on coarse grains that they passed, with only one dissenting vote, a resolution in line with action previously taken by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, declaring: "... for the future of the livestock industry be it resolved that we protest the action of the Dominion government and that we urge that immediate steps be taken to:

"First, open the U.S. market to Canadian livestock, or, failing that, the Canadian livestock producer be guaranteed either by subsidy or floor prices, that he will be able to dispose of his products at a fair and reasonable profit."

Ban on Luxury Imports Now---Big Cuts in Tariffs are Coming

Agreements involving very substantial reduction of tariffs between seventeen countries, will come into effect January 1st, 1948, it was announced Monday. Insofar as Canada and the U.S.A. are concerned, however, various factors, such as the banning (at once) of imports of many types of goods into Canada to ease the dollar situation, also announced Monday, and also Canada's agreements re farm exports, will tend for the moment to nullify the effect of tariff reductions, etc.

Tariff Cuts

Tariff cuts on Canadian goods entering U.S.A. include: wheat, from 42 to 21 cents per bushel and quota removed; beef and veal, from 6 to 3 cents pound; cattle quota enlarged from 225,000 to 400,000; flour, from \$1.04 to 52 cents barrel and

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 18th.—The market was draggy today, buyers bidding 25 to 50 cents lower on butcher steers; good steers brought \$13 to \$13.50, down to \$10 for common; good heifers, \$11 to \$11.50, down to \$9.50 for common; good cows, \$8.50 to \$9, down to \$6.50 for common, cannery and cutters \$4 to \$6; good to choice vealers, \$11 to \$11.50, down to \$9 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$11.50 to \$12.50, down to \$9.50 for common. Hogs are steady at \$21.50 for Grade A, sows \$12 liveweight since last Friday; good lambs are lower at \$12.50 to \$13, ewes \$5 to \$6.25.

The Dairy Market

The dairy market is strong. Locally, prints are 62 cents and special grade cream is on the basis of 63 cents for butterfat. Vancouver is quoting 61 to 61-1/2 and Toronto 62 cents.

A worsted spinning mill in Bradford, England, has been purchased by the Co-operative Wholesale Society; land and buildings occupy about 12,352 square yards.

quota removed; coarse grains, duty halved; butter, from 14 to 7 cent pound; live poultry, dressed poultry except turkeys, halved. On the Canadian side, duties are lowered to U.S. levels on cattle and hogs, beef, veal, baby chicks, eggs, cheese, barley, oats, rye, hay; farm implements, now duty-free are to continue without duty.

The program to overcome the dollar shortage includes banning of imports of automobiles (to go on quota later), jewelry, candy, radios, refrigerators, washing machines, furniture, and other goods; restrictions on imports of citrus fruits and fruit juices, potatoes, apples, onions, textiles, wearing apparel, footwear, gloves and other items; imposition of \$150 maximum for pleasure travel in U.S.; increase in excise tax on automobiles, radios, electrical goods, etc.; and government assistance in gold-mining. Canada has obtained a \$300,000,000 credit from the U.S.A.

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Announced intention of United Grain Growers, Ltd., to offer additional shares to Western farmers was received by delegates attending the Annual Meeting of the Company last week at Winnipeg with special interest.

Pointing out that preliminary steps towards the issue of an additional 25,000 Class "A" shares, had already been taken, the Board of Directors report stated the additional shares would be offered first, to those who are already shareholders of the Company.

Dealing with the factors which had prompted this action, the report continued:

"Issued at par of \$20.00 per share, such an issue will provide an additional \$500,000 capital for the Company. Although, according to its charter, the authorized capital of United Grain Growers, Limited, is \$5,000,000, the present issue and paid up capital amounts to \$3,055,095. That amount of capital has been sufficient in the past and it is nearly twenty years since the Company sought to increase it. The only new shares which have been issued in recent years have been a limited number of Class 'B' Membership shares made available at \$5.00 each to customers who wish to become members of the Company. Now it seems wise to widen the Company's financial base by giving farmers, who

Record Dividends

TORONTO, Ont. — October dividends declared by Canadian industrial, commercial, utility and banking companies constituted a record. Taking the average for 1935 to 1939 as 100, the figure for October stood at 174.4, according to a recent bulletin of Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd.

so desire, an opportunity to invest in the Class 'A' shares.

"More capital investment is required to sustain a continuing program of improving elevator facilities and for expansion in building new elevators. Your Board believes that the money for such purposes should, as far as possible, be obtained from the farmers to be served, and dependence upon borrowed funds thereby reduced.

"When the offering is made, your Directors anticipate a ready response both from present shareholders and from customers at points where new elevators have been established. Especially that will be the case among members whose present investment is limited to the holding of one \$5.00 Membership Share. Although, as a co-operative, this Company limits its rate of dividend to a modest 5 per cent, its shares are highly regarded by farmers as an investment. At the present time, in spite of disappointing results from the crop of 1947, there is probably in the hands of farmers a larger sum for investment than has ever before been the case."

OTTAWA LETTER(Cont. from page 1)
impossible to reach even the minimum contract shipments in bacon, beef, cheese and other products.

It is expected that there will be some revision of present agreements as a result of the Conference with members of the British mission which arrives in Canada on November 25th. The mission, which will discuss food and other trade agreements, will be under the chairmanship of Sir Percy Liesching, and this selection it is stated is a happy one. Sir Percy was for some time counsellor on the British High Commissioner's staff at Ottawa, and while here he travelled throughout Canada and made himself acquainted with every phase of Canadian life and industry. He will have a good background of knowledge of conditions in this country.

Draft of Crop Objectives

For weeks the national advisory committee and special committees connected with the Dominion-Provincial conference have been preparing a draft of crop objectives for 1948. It is expected that this year's session will be very interesting and quite lively because of the removal of subsidies and of price ceilings from coarse grains, a course which ran counter to recommendations of the farm organizations. The conference will be a valuable forum for exchange of views.

This year's minimum bacon shipments under the British contract will be difficult if not impossible to reach. This minimum figure is 265,000,000 pounds. It might indeed, it is stated, have been possible to reach it if it had not been for the five weeks packing strike. Since the end of the strike, hog slaughterings have of course jumped and from January 1st to November 8th, figures for all Canada reach 3,421,840—only 4.3 per cent under 1946.

There is, of course, little cause for satisfaction in any increase in slaughtering which may come from a desire to reduce hog holdings. It will also not be possible to supply the 120,000,000 pounds of beef to Britain, and only about one half of the 125,000,000 lb. cheese contract will go forward.

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Farm Income Figures

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Surpluses of Seeds

It is stated that supplies of almost all kinds of seeds are adequate for domestic needs, and that there are surpluses of most kinds for export. Export control has been removed from most seeds, but still applies to some. The 1947 production, domestic requirements and probable exportable surplus have been announced as follows (in bushels):

	Domestic Exportable Prod.	requir'ts	surplus
Wheat	2,760,000	960,000	1,300,000
Oats	2,900,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
Barley	1,370,000	465,000	540,000
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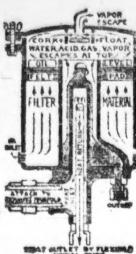
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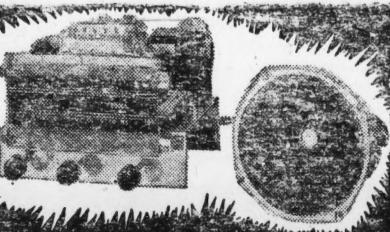
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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

This seems to be our contributors' innings once again. So let 'em have all the space they want, boss.

To begin with, we've got an idea that Anna Silbernagel, out Elnora way, is trying to pull our columnistic leg. She sends us an incomplete limerick, hoping, I suppose that we shall complete it for her.

Nothin' doin' Anna, but we're gonna let our readers have a go at it, and for the best last line received we will award a prize of a fur-lined bath tub as soon as they go into production again. Right now there is a shortage of Eskimo labor. Here is Anna's effort:

In central Alberta lies the village of Elnora,
And near to this village lives a girl who's named Leora.
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For she's regular at school—

Postcard from Volly Barabash says that some women will make a fool out of a man in order to prove to the world they can make a man-out of him again.

On the other hand, Barney Milstein dropped in to inform us that a man who sweeps a woman off her feet is quite content to let her do all the sweeping afterwards.

SONG OF A DRUNKEN SEAMAN

We're off the coast of Africa, some hundred miles away;
Yet I don't care if we are lost or if we're just astray.
I don't care if the sails are torn, or if our vessel sinks—
I'm going to go to bed tonight and get my forty winks.

I don't care if the sea is clear, or if the moon is bright.
I don't care if the rovers come from out the stealthy night.
I don't care what my comrade says, or what the captain thinks—
I'm going to go to bed tonight and get my forty winks.

I don't care if we're close to land, or if we're far from shore.
I don't care if we've left the coast to see it nevermore.
I don't care if my mind is dull from all those evil drinks—
For I am going to bed tonight to get my forty winks.

—S. Krawenko,
Karanagh, Alta.

Bravo, S.K., that's better humorous verse than we've had submitted in ages. Keep it up, gal.

LATEST HOLLYWOOD PRAYER
"For ever and For ever—Amber."**ANSWERS TO CONTRIBS**

Hazel McKay, Lousana—Thanks a lot, but it's not quite up to publication standard. Try again and watch your rhyming words.

Larry M., Edmonton—Tut, tut, what would the boss say if we used that one?

"FINALE"

I never dreamed forgetfulness would come
Completely—tainted not by some regret!
I never thought completest joy could reign
Marred not by mem'ries I could not forget!

I searched each crevice of my secret heart,
Could not I find one spark still hidden there?
Had ev'ry pulsing heartbeat I had known
Been buried in the swamps of past despair?

The past was past, and try although I might,
No thrill I found in raking up old dreams.
New scenes had changed the values of my soul.
And pleasures new had brightened up my schemes.

What could I say? The changes had been wrought;
'Twas useless now to speak of long ago.
The torch, e' tinguished now, will not relight;
The golden flames of love have ceased to glow.
—Eva Pfeifer, Chinook.

Thanks once again Eva. Keep it up to that standard and you won't get thrown out. Don't forget that

at this time of the year the more Chinook things get the easier it is on the coal bill. B-r-r-r-r!

BRICKBAT OR COMPLIMENT.
Sydney May went to church;
He never missed a Sunday.
Sydney May went below
For what he did on Monday.
—Eva again.

Radiogram from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest intimates that a woman is like work—hard to put up with; difficult to get along without.

What difficulty? Tell me that Musty, tell me that? —Wally, the incurable bach.

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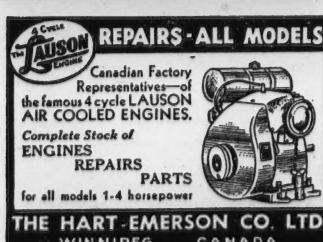
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United Grain Growers Limited and Subsidiary Companies

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—JULY 31, 1947

A S S E T S

CURRENT AND WORKING ASSETS:

Cash on hand and with paying agents	\$ 394,342.08
Dominion of Canada bonds—at cost (Market value July 31, 1947—\$526,500.00)	527,500.00
Accounts and accruals receivable, less reserve	554,950.98
Inventories	
As determined and certified by responsible officials of the companies:	
Grain— Stocks of wheat and flax acquired on behalf of The Canadian Wheat Board, valued on basis of fixed prices set by that Board, and stocks of other grains valued on basis of quoted market prices	\$ 4,167,349.05
Twine, coal and sundry merchandise—at cost, less reserve	798,430.84
Prepaid and deferred charges	4,965,779.89
	127,196.29
	\$ 6,569,769.19

INVESTMENTS:

Memberships and common stocks—at cost or nominal values (Approximate quoted value July 31, 1947—\$51,500.00)	\$ 1,662.00
Mortgages and agreements of sale	133,485.65

EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS:

Payment to the Annuities Branch of the Dominion Government—less amounts written off

CAPITAL ASSETS:

Country and terminal elevator properties, printing plant, warehouses and equipment, etc.—at cost	\$12,445,071.93
Less—Reserves for depreciation	7,533,936.05
Publication establishment costs of "The Country Guide"—net	\$ 4,911,135.88
	93,275.93
	5,004,411.81
	\$11,864,245.50

L I A B I L I T I E S

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Cheques outstanding, less bank balances	\$ 365,562.40
Grain cash tickets and orders	1,682,807.86
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,225,655.33
Reserve for income and excess profits taxes	798,984.08
Patronage dividend— Amount set aside for allocation to customers in respect of grain receipts in the fiscal year ending July 31, 1947	242,000.00
Shareholders' dividends, including unclaimed dividends of prior years	207,354.99
	\$ 4,522,364.66

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS:

Authorized \$ 7,500,000.00	
Oustanding—	
Series "A" 3% Serial Bonds— maturing in the amount of \$200,000.00 annually on July 2	
Issued	\$ 2,000,000.00
Less—Redeemed	200,000.00
	1,800,000.00

CAPITAL, RESERVE AND SURPLUS:

Capital Stock:	
Class A non-cumulative redeemable preferred shares:	
Authorized 200,000 shares— par value \$20.00 each	
Outstanding 140,949 shares— after redemption of 7,409 shares to date	\$ 2,818,980.00
Class B (membership) shares:	
Authorized 200,000 shares— par value \$5.00 each	
Outstanding 54,677 shares	273,385.00
General reserve	
Capital surplus, including amount of \$15,660.00 arising from redemption of Class A shares during the year	
Earned surplus, as per statement attached	170,457.57
Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:	
R. S. LAW	\$ 3,092,365.00
J. E. BROWNLEE	1,647,057.42
	632,000.85
	5,541,880.84
	\$11,864,245.50

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of United Grain Growers Limited and its subsidiary companies as at July 31, 1947, and the consolidated statement of profit and loss and earned surplus for the fiscal year ending on that date, and all our requirements as auditors have been complied with. In connection therewith, we examined or tested the accounting records and other supporting evidence and obtained all the information and explanations we required; we also reviewed the accounting procedures and made a comprehensive test of the detailed transactions for the year.

The liability for income and excess profits taxes for the years subsequent to 1939, for which the management has made provision deemed adequate, is subject to final determination by the taxation authorities; instalment payments in respect of such taxes have been discontinued as from October 1, 1944, pending clarification of certain taxation matters. Depreciation for the year has been provided for in full at the customary rates.

We report that, in our opinion, based on our examination and with the foregoing explanation in regard to income and excess profits taxes, the above consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statement of profit and loss and earned surplus are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the combined companies' affairs as at July 31, 1947, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the companies.

Winnipeg, October 18, 1947.

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